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RECEPTION (SALTTWO 1537)

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1. WHEN SHCHUKIN CONGRATULATED ME ON MY PATIENCE THROUGH-OUT DECEMBER 7 PRIVATE MEETING WITH SEMENOV ON NEW TYPES (REF A), I TOLD SHCHUKIN I THOUGHT THAT CONVERSATION HAD BEEN VERY UNHELPFUL, AND SHCHUKIN ACKNOWLEDGED THAT RESULTS HAD NOT BEEN CONSTRUCTIVE. I NOTED THAT ONE SENATOR'S REACTION TO MY DEBRIEF OF THE MEETING HAD BEEN THAT CONGRESSIONAL APPROVAL OF SALT AGREEMENT CONTAINING SOVIET NEW TYPES PROPOSAL WOULD BE DIFFICULT IF NOT IMPOSSIBLE. SHCHUKIN SUGGESTED THAT I BE PATIENT. I ASKED WHETHER SHCHUKIN HAD IN MIND SALT II OR SALT III, BUT HE DID NOT COMMIT HIMSELF. SHCHUKIN SAID HE HAD TOLD ME SEVERAL WEEKS AGO ABOUT SOVIET PLANS FOR NEW ICBM WITH SINGLE REENTRY VEHICLE (REF B). I REMINDED SHCHUKIN HE HAD ALSO SAID SOVIETS DID NOT PLAN IMPROVEMENTS TO SS-17, SS-18 OR SS-19 DURING PROTOCOL PERIOD. SHCHUKIN ACKNOWL-EDGED HE HAD SAID THIS ALSO. I ASKED WHY THIS SHOULD NOT SECRET

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BE STATED NOW, AND SHCHUKIN AGAIN COUNSELED PATIENCE.

2. IN SEPARATE CONVERSATION SMOLIN TOLD WARNKE HE BE-LIEVED THERE WAS BASIS FOR WORKING OUT NEW TYPES ISSUE. EARLE SECRET

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